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H. J.R. No. 48

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the establishment
2 of English as the official language of Texas.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article XVI of the Texas Constitution is amended
5 by adding Section 71 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 71. (a) English is the official language of the State
7 of Texas.

8 (b) The legislature shall enforce this section by
9 appropriate legislation. The legislature and officials of this
10 state shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the role of
11 English as the common language of the state is preserved and
12 enhanced. The legislature may not enact a law that diminishes or
13 ignores the role of English as the common language of the state.

14 (c) Any person who is a resident of or doing business in
15 this state has standing to sue the state to enforce this section,
16 and the district courts have jurisdiction to hear cases brought to
17 enforce this section. The legislature may provide reasonable and
18 appropriate limitations on the time and manner of suits brought
19 under this section.

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 6,
22 1990. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or
23 against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to
24 establish English as the official language of Texas."

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the establishment of English as the official language of Texas.

JAN 30 1989 1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

FEB 13 1989

2. Read first time and referred to Committee on

State Affairs

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at (as substituted)

4. Printed and distributed at

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at

6. Read second time (amended) and (finally) passed to Third Reading by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

8. Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of resolution.

10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was finally adopted prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

11. Ordered Engrossed at

12. Engrossed.

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at

14. Sent to the Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

15. Received from the House

16. Read, referred to Committee on

17. Reported favorably

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.) _____ yeas, _____ nays.)

21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

22. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by: (a viva voce vote.) _____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 25. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

_____ 26. Returned to the House.

_____ 27. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record
(Substitute) Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 29. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 31. Ordered Enrolled at _____